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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF MUGABE'S VIEWS ON DAR ES SALAAM MEETING

REF: LAGOS 4133

1. REFTEL REPORTED ON MUGABE'S APRIL 3 DISCUSSION OF THE RHODESIA
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RIO WITH JOE GARBA, AMBASSADORS YOUNG AND MCHENRY, UK
HIGH COMMISSIONER FALLE, AND ME. PARAGRAPH 4 OF REFTEL CITED
MUGABE'S STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT, IN HIS OPINION, THE PARTI-
CIPANTS IN THE FIRST OF THE PROPOSED TWO MEETINGS SHOULD BE THE
UK, SMITH'S MILITARY COMMANDERS, AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.
ACCORDING TO MUGABE, THESE WERE THE ONLY PARTIES CAPABLE AND APP-
ROPRIATELY ENTITLED TO DISCUSS MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS AND ASSOC-
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IATED MATTERS DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD.

2. THESE STATEMENTS BY MUGABE SHOULD NOT BE READ AS IMPLYING HE
WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN A FIRST MEETING IN WHICH SMITH'S MILITARY
PEOPLE DID NOT PARTICIPATE. AMBASSADOR YOUNG EXPLAINED IN THE
COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION WITH MUGABE THAT IT WAS IN FACT NOT
RPT NOT OUR PLAN TO INVITE SMITH'S PEOPLE TO THE DAR ES SALAAM

MEETING. MUGABE ACCEPTED YOUNG'S CLARIFICATION ALTHOUGH NOTING THAT ORIGINAL PLANS FOR THE FIRST MALTA MEETING HAD ENVISAGED THE PARTICIPATION OF SMITH'S MILITARY OFFICIALS, BUT THEY WERE UNWILLING TO ATTEND.

3. THE ABOVE CLARIFICATION OF REFTEL WAS CLEARED WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM LAGOS APRIL 3.
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